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The C.A.R.C. meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting is *November 20th*, at the **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CENTER!**

C.A.R.C. Dues Renewal

As most of you will remember, this past year we elected to move our fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year. This was at the request of our treasurer and made good sense. As a result, most of us got a free ride on last years dues for a few months. Well all good things must come to an end and once again it's time for our annual dues renewal. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a single pullout information sheet (our treasurer Larry likes to call it a "source document") that details your vital statistics and indicates your level of membership renewal. Please fill it out accurately. This information is very important to us. Not only do we use it for our mailings, but Denny N8UDL uses it for verification against the Stark County Directory.

There are three levels of membership. I will try to explain what each represents (right from our by-laws).

Full Member (\$10.00) is one who shall be:

(a) A licensed Amateur Radio operator, and shall have taken the responsibility for the design, installation, or the operation of systems or apparatus pertaining to Amateur Radio and paid the appropriate dues.

(b) A full member is privileged to vote and to hold any office in the *Canton Amateur Radio Club, Inc.*, subject however, to the provisions of BY-LAW II, herein.

Associate Member (\$5.00) shall be a person having a bona-fide interest in amateur radio. An associate member is not privileged to vote or to hold office, although he may serve upon any committee to which he may be appointed, as chairman or otherwise and when so appointed, shall be entitled to the full voting privileges of a committee member.

Sustaining Member (\$15.00) is a licensed amateur contributing substantially to the financial support of the *Canton Amateur Radio Club, Inc.* He is entitled to all membership privileges.

It's Nomination Time!!

Nominations are being accepted for the following positions within the club. **President and Vice-President**, (these positions carry a two year term). **Two trustee positions**, which carry a three year term. Dave WD8AYE and Chuck N8LIV's trustee positions are due to expire and I'm told that they both will not be seeking re-election due to personal commitments and to give others a fair chance at the positions. Additionally, we need a person to fill the **remaining term of trustee** for Denny K8NIB, who has given up his trustee position due to his complicated knee surgery this past summer.

Nominations for these positions are being taken at this time. Voting will take place at the December club meeting and the new terms will start in January. This is an excellent opportunity for someone to get involved first hand with the club and we welcome all nominations. All it requires is a few hours a month of your time and your responsible dedication.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone you know, please contact Dale KB8LWP @ 456-3241 or John N8WHH @ 966-0467. Good luck!!

EAS to be Implementedreprinted from *Storm Chaser, NWS Cleveland*

NOAA Weather Radio, which has served much of the nation since the 1970's, will get a face-lift on the first day of 1997. The current system will then take on the job of alarming individual counties and of sending out short text messages.

The upgraded system will use existing transmitters and frequencies. Weather radios and short wave scanners will continue to receive watches and warnings as well as routine weather information. Additional information will be transmitted in the form of digital tones.

Weather products will rely on a device known as the weather radio **Specific Area Message Encoder (SAME)** to generate those tones. This device will send out a signal containing:

- >Event (tornado, flood, blizzard.....)
- >Type (watch, warning, advisory....)
- >Counties Affected
- >Expiration Time
- >End-of-Message Signal

In order to decode the text message, you must have a SAME decoder. The decoder receives the message from the weather radio and decodes it according to its programming. In a typical home setup, the decoder may ignore all statements except for your county. When your county is placed under a watch or warning, the decoder can alert you of the potential hazard.

Commercial television stations will be able to program their equipment to listen for particular counties on the weather radio. When a warning is issued, the station can scroll the text at the bottom of the screen and simultaneously play the audio message over the air. Telecommunications companies may decide to transmit the SAME text to its pagers. Commercial radio will be able to automate the process of recording the actual warning read by NWS staff for playback.

This upgrade will reduce false alarms by enabling you to filter unwanted warnings. SAME will, at the same time, increase the likelihood that you will receive the warning because that warning will travel along many different paths.

What Computer Techs Go Through

So you think you're computer-illiterate? Check out the following excerpts from a Wall Street Journal article by Jim Carlton

1. A Computer company is considering changing the command "Press Any Key" to "Press Return Key" because of the flood of calls asking where the "Any" key is.
2. A technical supporter had a caller complaining that her mouse was hard to control with the dust cover on. The cover turned out to be the plastic bag the mouse was packaged in.
3. Another technician received a call from a man complaining that the system wouldn't read word processing files from his old diskettes. After trouble-shooting for magnets and heat failed to diagnose the problem, it was found that the customer labeled the diskettes then rolled them into the typewriter to type the labels.
4. Another customer was asked to send a copy of her defective diskettes. A few days later a letter arrived from the customer along with Xeroxed copies of the floppies.
5. A technician advised his customer to put his troubled floppy back in the drive and close the door. The customer asked the tech to hold on, and was heard putting the phone down, getting up and crossing the room to

close the door to his room.

6. Another customer called to say he couldn't get his computer to fax anything. After 40 minutes of trouble shooting, the technician discovered the man was trying to fax a piece of paper by holding it in front of the monitor screen and hitting the "send" key.

7. Another customer needed help setting up a new program, so a Dell tech suggested he go to the local Egghead. "Yeah, I got me a couple of friends," the customer replied. When told Egghead was a software store, the man said, "Oh, I thought you meant for me to find a couple of geeks."

8. Yet another customer called to complain that his keyboard no longer worked. He had cleaned it by filling up his tub with soap and water and soaking the keyboard for a day, then removing all the keys and washing them individually.

9. A technician received a call from a customer who was enraged because his computer had told him he was "bad and an invalid". The tech explained that the computer's "bad command" and "invalid" responses shouldn't be taken personally.

10. An exasperated caller to Computer Tech Support couldn't get her new Computer to turn on. After ensuring the computer was plugged in, the technician asked her what happened when she pushed the power button. Her response, "I pushed and pushed on this foot pedal and nothing happens." The "foot pedal" turned out to be the computer's mouse.

11. Another customer called a tech support to say her brand-new computer wouldn't work. She said she unpacked the unit, plugged it in, and sat there for 20 minutes waiting for something to happen. When asked what happened when she pressed the power switch, she asked "What power switch?"

12. True story from a computer complaints department

Caller: "Hello, is this Tech Support?"

Tech: "Yes, it is. How may I help you?"

Caller: "The cup holder on my PC is broken and I am within my warranty period. How do I go about getting that fixed?"

Tech: "I'm sorry, but did you say a cup holder?"

Caller: "Yes, it's attached to the front of my computer."

Tech: "Please excuse me if I seem a bit stumped, It's because I am. Did you receive this as part of a promotional, at a trade show? How did you get this cup holder? Does it have any trademark on it?"

Caller: "It came with my computer, I don't know anything about a promotional. It just has '4X' on it."

At this point the Tech Rep had to mute the caller, because he couldn't stand it. The caller had been using the load drawer of the CD-ROM drive as a cup holder, and snapped it off the drive!

CARC MEETING

Our meeting came to order at the Stark County's EOC room on October 16, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. We had a round of introductions of 39 hams. Welcome Mike, KI0DE of DeMoines, Iowa and Ron, KB8SKU.

Secretary, Sandra, N8TZB, read last month's minutes. A motion was made, seconded and the hams accepted the minutes.

Treasurer, Larry, K8RMY, gave a third-quarter, extensive report ending September 30, 1996. Balance on demand at Key Bank, \$543.47 and 3-\$1,000 CDs at Key Bank. The treasurer is now accepting 1997 dues. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded, and accepted by the members.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Roger, WA8AHK, and Jerry, KA8AHF, will have class beginning 1997. For Novice, Tech Plus, and No-Code Tech licenses. The book, "Now You're Talking" will be used. Posters and flyers will be circulated in our local Radio Shacks. Contact Roger or Jerry if you have anyone interested in attending.

Directories are still available. Free to members of the Club and \$2 for non-members.

Special Service Club members quota need to be met. See Larry, K8RMY, to renew your ARRL membership and to join you new members. Please note your current membership (see QST address label) for number and note it on your regular CARC membership registration form when you pay your Club dues. Your ARRL dues at least supports lobbying and QST magazine.

Perry, N8VXQ, has Massillon Auctionfest tickets. November 3rd is the big day.

John, N8WHH, has a table on behalf of the Club at the Auctionfest for selling Stark County Directories and invite members if they have small items they wish to sell to use the table.

The Club received \$150 donation from the Louisville Band Boosters for community activity.

S.E.T. was performed last Saturday with 23 check-ins. Nice representation for Stark County. John, N8WHH, thanks you.

This Sunday is JOTA Jamboree-on-the-Air. Paul, KF2AA, needs a volunteer representing the Club at his home from 1-5 p.m.

JANUARY 1, 1997 IS DUES DEADLINE.

Nominations for President, Vice President, and two Trustee positions. Dave, WD8AYE, and Chuck, N8LIV, will end their 3-year terms. Also, Denny, K8NIB, needs someone to finish his term (14 months left). See Dale, KB8LWP, to fill Denny's, K8NIB, position.

Tuesday Nite's Net, 147.120 MHz, new list of regular check-ins will be ready soon.

John Decker, WD8MBN, equipment is for sale. See Everett, N8EIL.

There is still some equipment and antennas of Bill Parks available.

ARRL is providing CW Sweepstakes on November 4 and 6. On November 18 and 20 will be the Phone Sweepstakes. CW DX Contest is on November 25 and 26 noted Roger, WA8AHK.

Ken's Report (W8EK): Some of the news he reported is as follows: Might be loosing 2300 MHz band by FCC auctioning it off very soon. Gate 2 is still open. JOTA Jamboree is open to all

Scouting (boys and girls). Thank you Ken.

50/50: A new winner! Everett, N8EIL, won \$17. That's great.

Well, that is the end of this meeting for another month. PLEASE COME TO THE DECEMBER'S MEETING. WE NEED A GOOD TURNOUT FOR VOTING.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. for Julius' brew and donuts. Of course, lots of eyeball QSOs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Saundra Day, N8TZB
Secretary

Stark DX Association Revived

I saw Randy KD8JN at the Massillon ARC Auctionfest and he brought to my attention that the Stark DX Association is active again, after a short hiatus. They will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Country Kitchen, Belden Village (behind Tire America, off Everhard Rd.) Stop on by for some coffee and good food, and trade your DX stories.

Items For Sale

John WD8MBN has the following items for sale:

Model 108 Hallicrafter, 2 oscilloscopes, notch filter, TenTec Omni with power supply, watt meter, Kenwood TS-820 HF rig, 12v power supply, electronic keyer, model 28 teletype machine, and other misc. related items.

Interested parties should contact Everett N8EIL @ 454-1885. Everett is handling the sale of these items for John.

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C.A.R.C. Membership Application/ Renewal

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

ARRL Member? (Y) (N) If so, member number: _____

License Class: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Types of Memberships

Sustaining: \$15.00 _____

Full: \$10.00 _____

Associate: \$5.00 _____

Family Member: \$1.00 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Please remit form and dues to:



Canton Amateur Radio Club
c/o Larry Schmader K8RMY
3726 12th St. SW
Canton OH 44710



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Merry Christmas



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Stark County Mutual Aid Net PACKET, RTTY CW, FM, & SSB <hr/> K8UDO BD	2 KB8PHI BD	3 7:00 PM Stark County ARES Net 147.12+ 7:30 PM Swap Net, 147.015+ 8:30 PM CW Net 28.090 MHz	4 <i>Sloppy Flst Net every Monday thru Friday at 9 PM on 28.138 MHz</i>	5 7:30 PM QCWA (Chapter 21) Net, 146.79- 9:00 PM AARC Net, 145.37- Meetings Tusco ARC & Alliance ARC	6 8:00 PM Meeting Massillon ARC, Senior Citizen Center, Massillon 8:30 PM GARC RTTY Net, 28.090 MHz <hr/> AA8RS BD	7
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15 Stark County Mutual Aid Net PACKET, RTTY CW, FM, & SSB <hr/> W8LDQ BD	16 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting, Canton ARC. Emerg. Prep. Center	17 7:00 PM Stark County ARES Net 147.12+ 7:30 PM Swap Net, 147.015+ 8:30 PM CW Net 28.090 MHz	18 7:30 PM Canton ARC Meeting at Emerg. Prep. Center Rte 62 <hr/> N8YBI BD	19 7:30 PM QCWA (Chapter 21) Net, 146.79- 9:00 PM AARC Net, 145.37- <hr/> K15KG BD	20 8:30 PM GARC RTTY Net, 28.090 MHz <hr/> WA8CMT BD	21  Winter begins
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